

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, claims 1-4, 7-10, and 12-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,801,910 to Bedell. Applicant proposes to amend claim 12 to include the limitations of claim 13 presently on file, as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 17 is directed to a system according to present invention. Accordingly, Applicant proposes to amend claim 17 to include the limitations of claim 18 presently on file. Applicant proposes to cancel claims 1-4, 7-10, and 22-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Examiner Interview of December 18, 2006

Applicants wish to thank the Examiners for the courtesies extended during the interview of December 18, 2006. An Examiner telephone interview was held between the Examiners Ali and Lin, Mr. John Harris (Registration Number 39,465) and Mr. Xiang Lu (Registration Number 57,089) on December 18, 2006. During the interview, amendments to the claims were discussed. Applicant submits herewith claim amendments as discussed during the interview.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that the proposed amendments of claims 12, 17, and 19 do not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner, since the amendments merely clarify claims 12, 17, and 19 without introducing new issues. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Additionally, Applicants submit that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

Applicants respectfully request the entry of this Amendment After Final, the Examiner's reconsideration of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

The Office Action contains characterizations of the claims and the related art, with which Applicants do not necessarily agree. Unless expressly noted otherwise, Applicants decline to subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conversation might advance prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned agent at 202-408-4393.

Respectfully submitted,

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